

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Rainer Hammann *et al.*

Application No.: 10/753,417

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Art Unit: 1645

For: METHOD OF DETECTING ANTIBIOTIC
RESISTANCE IN MICROORGANISMS

Examiner: L. J. Tongue

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner Tongue:

In lieu of responding to the outstanding Office action mailed June 30, 2006, Applicants have filed a continuation application on this date, claiming priority to the above-referenced application. Applicants currently petition for a 3-month extension of time in the above-referenced application.

Although we believe that we have submitted the correct amount to cover the above-listed items, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to our **Deposit Account No. 06-1448, Reference BDW-010.01.**

Dated: December 22, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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